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UBER SUSPENDS SELF-DRIVING CAR SERVICE

1 Uber Technologies Inc. suspended its pilot program for driverless cars on Saturday after a vehicle equipped with the nascent technology crashed on an Arizona roadway, the ride-hailing company and local police said. The accident, the latest involving a self-driving vehicle operated by one of several companies experimenting with autonomous vehicles, caused no serious injuries, Uber said. Even so, the company said it was

grounding driverless cars involved in a pilot program in Arizona, Pittsburgh and San Francisco, pending the outcome of investigation into the crash on Friday evening in Tempe. "We are continuing to look into this incident," an Uber spokeswoman said in an email. REUTERS

RUSSIAN POLICE DETAIN OPPOSITION LEADER

2 Police detained hundreds of protesters across Russia on Sunday, including opposition leader Alexei Navalny, after thousands took to the streets to demonstrate against corruption and demand the resignation of Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev. The protests, reckoned to be the biggest since a wave of anti-Kremlin demonstrations in 2011/2012, come a year before a presidential election which Vladimir Putin is expected to contest, running for what would be a fourth term. Opinion polls suggest the liberal opposition, which Navalny represents, have little chance of fielding a candidate capable of unseating Putin, who enjoys high ratings. But Navalny and his supporters hope to channel public discontent over official corruption to attract more support. REUTERS

GUNFIRE IN CROWDED NIGHTCLUB KILLS ONE

3 Gunfire erupted inside a packed nightclub in Cincinnati, Ohio, early Sunday morning, killing one person and injuring 15 others, as an apparent argument that may have started earlier in the day turned violent, authorities said. Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley said there was no evidence of "a terrorist attack," as with last year's Pulse nightclub slaughter in Orlando, Florida, that killed 49 people in the deadliest

mass shooting in U.S. history. "However to the victims, what difference does it make?" Cranley said. "People were just going to have a good time and ended up getting shot." No arrests had been made hours after the shooting took place around 1 a.m. REUTERS

EARTH HOUR

5 The Ferris wheel at Luna Park and Sydney Harbour Bridge are plunged into darkness for the Earth Hour environmental campaign in Sydney on March 25. The lights went out on two of Sydney's most famous landmarks for the 10th anniversary of the climate change awareness campaign Earth Hour, among the first landmarks around the world to dim their lights for the event. GETTY IMAGES

CREDIT SUISSE CEO EARNS $12M DESPITE LOSSES

4 Credit Suisse CEO Tidjane Thiam's pay for his first full year in the job swelled to 11.9 million Swiss francs ($12 million), while bonuses rose 6 percent despite back-to-back annual losses at Switzerland's second-biggest bank. Executive pay is a hot-button issue in Switzerland, with voters backing a "fat cat" referendum in 2013 giving shareholders a binding vote on pay. Thiam's pay packet followed a near-3 billion franc loss at Credit Suisse in 2016 amid a major restructuring and penalties for the sale of toxic mortgage debt in the run-up to the financial crisis. "Overall, the board considered Mr. Thiam's strong leadership, consistent execution of the group's communicated strategy … determining that Mr. Thiam had met his performance targets set for the year," the bank said in its annual report on Friday. REUTERS

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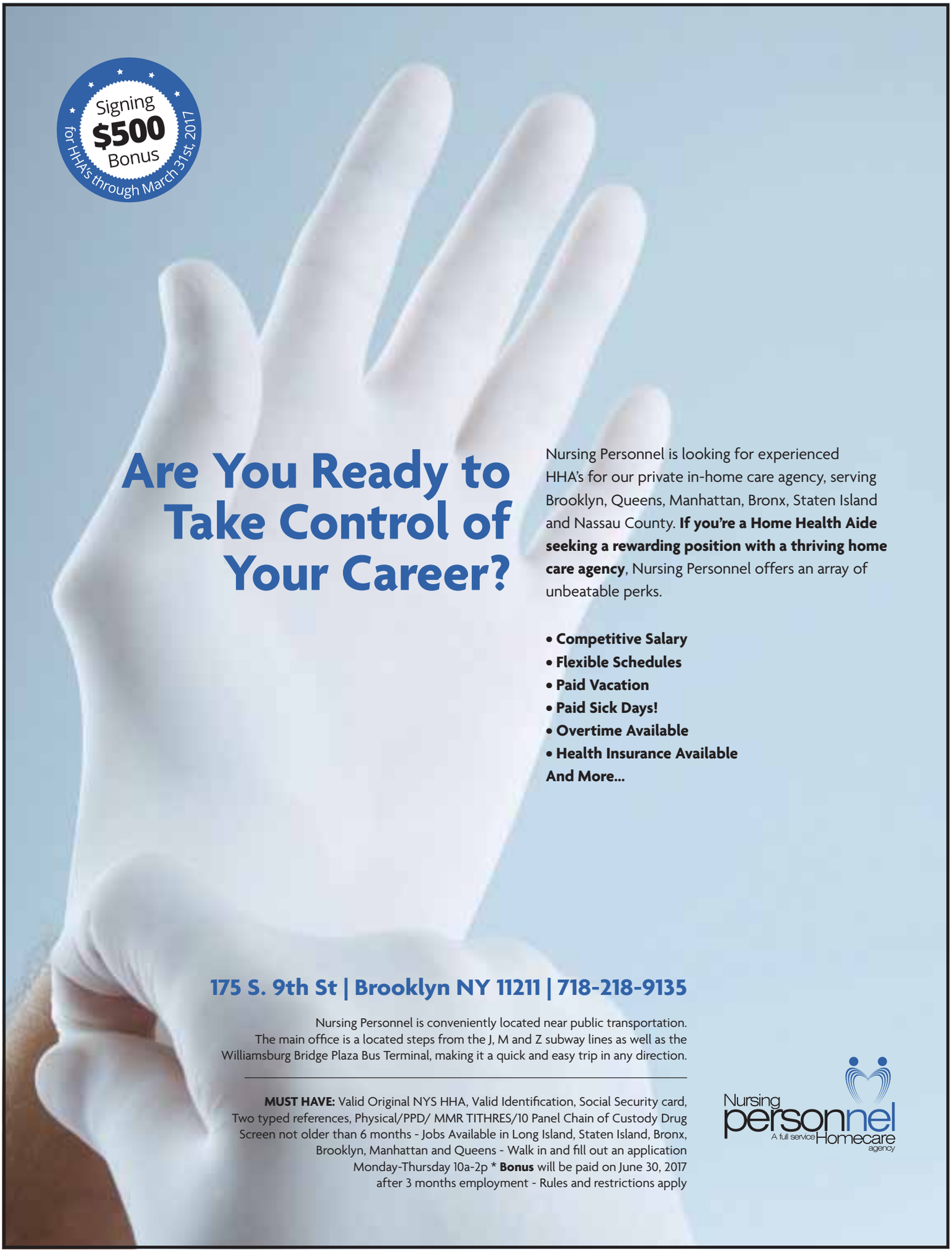

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Communist Party USA sees boost in membership after Trump's election

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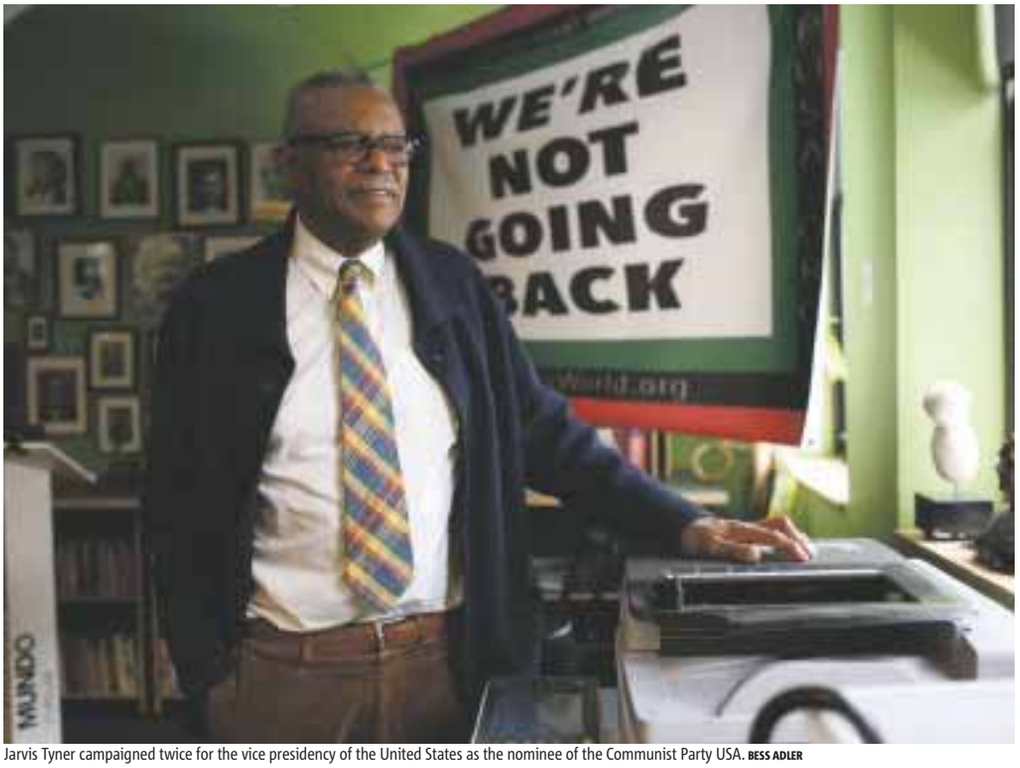

Jarvis Tyner campaigned twice for the vice presidency of the United States as the nominee of the Communist Party USA. BESS ADLER

There was a time in American history when the fear of communism reached such a fevered pitch of paranoia that it came to be known as the Red Scare.

Either by invasion or infiltration, communists planned to take over the United States. There were "Reds under the beds," argued those who urged Congress to outlaw the American Communist Party, which it attempted to do in 1954 when it passed the Communist Control Act.

Rather than hide under beds, today's communists occupy a spacious loft in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan — headquarters of the Communist Party USA. Portraits of notable American communists line one wall of the loft. A bust of Vladimir Lenin glares from a windowsill. A framed photo near the entranceway shows former party Chairman Henry Winston standing next to Fidel Castro.

"Yes, we're still here," said Jarvis Tyner, former chairman of New York's Communist Party.

For America's communists today, it seems the Red Scare has been replaced by the Orange Scare — President Donald Trump.

"I think Trump may not even consciously know it, but the objective effect of his policies move us in a fascist direction," he said. "I think the fascist danger is very great. He is not an ordinary right-winger."

Trump is threatening to make broad political changes that aim to elevate the power of corporate America while weakening the power of the people, Tyner said.

"He put racists in charge of the Justice Department," he said. "He put polluters in charge of the EPA. He put the head of Exxon in charge of foreign policy and a woman who believes in private schools in charge of the nation's education policy when 90 percent of the students attend public schools."

Tyner's overall assessment of the current occupant of the White House: "The guy is a crude ignoramus."

He's quick to point out that since Trump's election, the Communist Party USA has seen a slight uptick in membership — about 600 new members since Election Day.

During the past five years, about 5,000 Americans have joined the Communist Party USA via the internet, party officials said. Most of these members haven't join the party's clubs, or grassroots organizations. There are 3,000 clubs nationwide.

Although some members are well versed in Marxist theory, a thorough understanding of communist doctrine isn't a prerequisite to joining the party. What the party seeks are members who desire to engage in political and social activism, Tyner said.

Local party members recently have been active in protests against the police shootings of unarmed black men and the failings of cities to preserve and create affordable housing.

Tyner concedes that there is a stigma attached to being a communist. Many feel it's un-American. Those who suggest that Russian President Vladimir Putin helped Trump win the presidency certainly have portrayed it as a sinister force.

"People have been subjected to erroneous ideas [about the party] for a long time," Tyner said. "Probably in New York, there are a good number of people who call themselves liberal and have a very positive attitude toward socialism. That doesn't mean they're all going to run and join the party. But it's an atmosphere that the party can survive in."

Longtime American communist leader moves into semi-retirement

Jarvis Tyner became a communist soon after finishing high school in West Philadelphia. Roughly two decades later, he was campaigning for the office of Vice President of the United States as the candidate of the Community Party USA.

He wasn't welcome at every stop along the campaign trail, but he managed to win over some crowds in rather unlikely places.

"I campaigned all through the South," he said. "I talked to them about straight-up class stuff, how some people are rich and you have nothing. They were open to hear what we had to say."

Jarvis Tyner is the Executive Vice Chair of the Communist Party USA. BESS ADLER

Tyner ran twice as the party's vice president nominee, in 1972 and 1976. Both times he shared the ticket with party leader Gus Hall.

"I've seen the party evolve over a long period of time."
Jarvis Tyner

"I believe we never did get on the ballot in more than 24 states," he said.

Hall, who led the CPUSA for more than 40 years, campaigned for the presidency two more times, in 1980 and 1984. His running mate both times was Angela Davis, a counterculture activist during the 1960s who was linked to the Black Panther Party during the civil rights movement.

The CPUSA hasn't nominated a presidential candidate since Hall's last campaign in 1984.

"The danger of the right [conservative wing] had become so great and the money needed to continue to run candidates became so great that the collective decided against it," Tyner said.

Tyner held various leadership positions with the party and until recently was its executive vice chairman. At age 75, he's semi-retired.

"I've see the party evolve over a long period of time," he said. "No party has been more persecuted than ours. Our leadership was imprisoned. People were mistreated and lives were destroyed. But they kept on fighting and that tenacity influenced me a lot about the correctness of what they were doing and their deep dedication."

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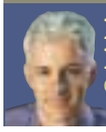

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So much has changed now: new president, busy new agenda, new fiascoes every day. In Trump's America, even familiar words and phrases have had their meaning turned upside down.

Take "Republican unity." It used to be that GOPers in Washington found easy agreement: Hillary was awful. Obama was worse. What else do you need to know? But since Donald Trump became the president, those very same Republicans can't even agree on the best way to yank nana's health care. Double-charge the elderly? Legalize substandard insurance? Karate chop Medicaid? Even scary Steve Bannon couldn't unite this warring mob!

To eliminate any further confusion, here is Donald Trump's Personal Dictionary, a handy guide to the vital terms every American should know.

TAP MY PHONES: Do absolutely nothing to me.
THE CLOSER: One who swoops in noisily near the end and fails to make a deal.
NATO: An outmoded freeloaders' society.
NOT A MUSLIM BAN: A Muslim ban.
TWITTER: My id in 140 characters.
RUSSIAN HACKERS: True American patriots.
GOP: Abbreviation for Gushing Over Putin.
100 DAYS: The initial phase of a presidential administration during which nothing is accomplished.
DAY ONE: When I will ban the Muslims, build the wall, b-slap China and give all Americans bargain health insurance they will absolutely love — a synonym for "maybe never."
OBAMACARE: A ticking time bomb.
TRUMPCARE/RYANCARE: Care-less.
EXTREMELY CREDIBLE SOURCE: Something I think I heard somewhere.
ALTERNATIVE FACT: The lead article on breitbart.com.
ART OF THE DEAL: A best-selling fantasy title from 1987.
THE APPRENTICE: How I'm approaching my amazing presidency.
ALT-RIGHT: For those who thought the Old Right was way too liberal.
EXTREME VETTING: Muslim welcome wagon.
IMMIGRANTS: Rapists, murderers, drug dealers, terrorists, etc.
FREEDOM CAUCUS: A diabolical band of double-crossers just begging for my brutal revenge.
MAR-A-LAGO: Spanish for "gorgeous beachside brand-builder."
3 MILLION ILLEGAL VOTERS: A phantom, like Sasquatch, my tax forms and Melania's immigration file.
FAKE NEWS: Any story that reflects poorly on me.
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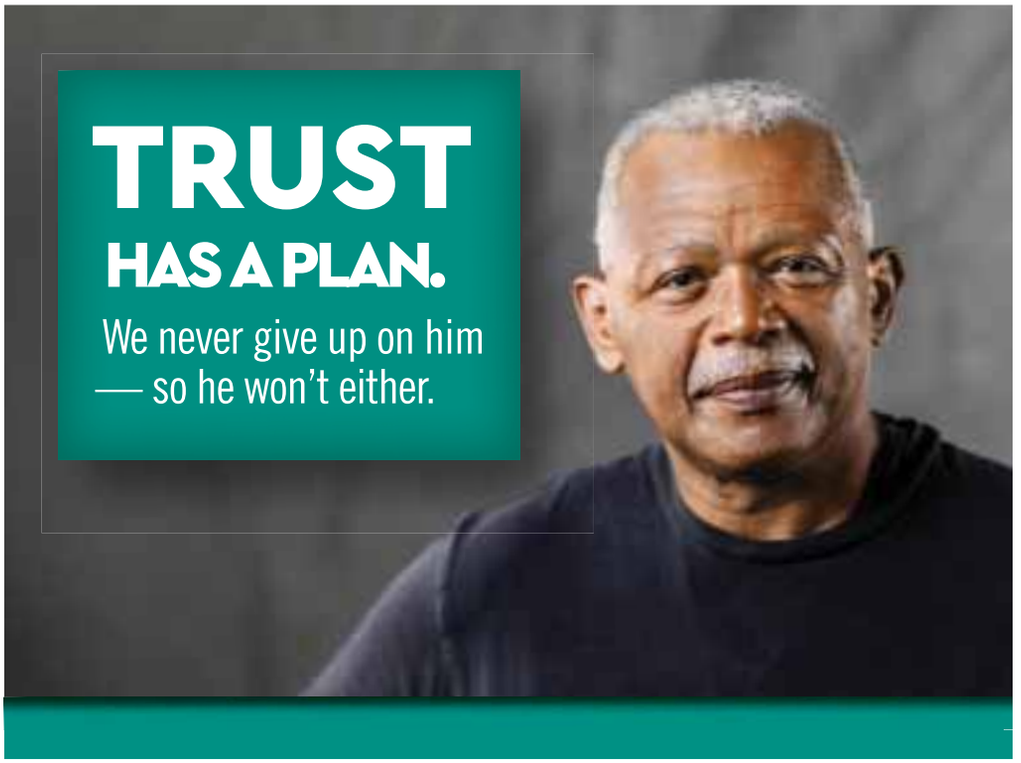
It's an example of Jewish "chessed," said Miriam Halberstam as she waited for her name to be called. "Chessed is the tremendous drive to help one's fellow humans."

"That extra money means everything for some of these people. It was amazing to help."
Touro College VITA student participant



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The city's first-ever brunch festival was not exactly festive.

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Instead of being a celebration of brunch, New York's first-ever BrunchCon may have actually ruined it.

"I hate this," muttered one attendee around 1 p.m. on Sunday, about three hours into the five-hour event. It was a common sentiment among the 2,250 attendees who paid between $55-$95 for what was promised to be unlimited food and drinks, but were mostly treated to the worst part of brunch: waiting.

It took up to 90 minutes to get inside Brooklyn's Grand Prospect Hall. Once there, nearly 50 food and drink vendors had been divided into zones that attendees could only enter once, creating a few long, slow-moving lines. The wait at the event's two bars also spanned 90 minutes at times.

Bride-to-be Beth Colucci came to BrunchCon with a group of friends for her prewedding celebration. They drove two hours from Duchess County, then waited an hour to get in at 11:30 a.m., and had managed to hit only four food stations by 1:30 p.m.

"I used to work in event planning, and this is the most unorganized, poorly run event I've been to," she said.

"It would be nice if we didn't have to play Jenga with the trash," snarked Amanda Schifferdecker of the overflowing garbage cans. Plates were also piled on tables and chairs, and the marble floor was made even more slick by spilled drinks.

"They wiped us out," said Tara Pezek, a manager at Upper West Side Italian restaurant Machiavelli. She and her team had given out all 2,000 servings of their panettone French toast with Grand Marnier maple syrup by 1:15 p.m., just over three hours into the five-hour event. "It was a little bit oversold."

The long waits weren't the only problem though.

"I felt very unsafe for them," Colucci says of her three pregnant bridesmaids, one of whom is due in three weeks. "We were shoved out of the way multiple times by drunk people."

BrunchCon wasn't a total bust. Those who arrived early or stuck out the initial rush got nosh on fresh doughnuts, tuna tartare tacos, pork croquettes, empanadas, shaved ice and more.

"The food was delicious," said Marina Blanchette. "I didn't have one thing that was disappointing."

But judging by the Facebook comments, what most people remember won't be what they got to eat, if anything. As Twitter user @SnoWrite124 put it, "Feels like we just crawled out of a washing machine full of garbage, guacamole, and 5,000 people. Biggest con ever."

A representative for BrunchCon reached by phone on Sunday afternoon had not returned a request for comment by press time.

Something for the sweet tooth

This weekend was also the spring edition of Dessert Goals, a festival of treats from 20 vendors, like Taiyaki NYC's fish-shaped cones filled with matcha soft serve, to Brooklyn's Dobbin St. Each $20 ticket got attendees a 90-minute session with pay-as-you-go eats. "It's just enough that you're feeling hyper and excited, and then you're ready to leave," co-founder Liang Shi. Find a gallery and our favorite bites at **metro.us**.

Lines at BrunchCon were long at times. **BRANDON HARDIN**

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Why Aren't Doctors Telling About These Two Often

Two Advanced Medical Treatments Every Knee Arthritis Sufferer

By *NY Pain MD*

***NY Pain MD* is a medical clinic with locations in Midtown NYC and Uptown NYC that has treated thousands of knee arthritis and joint pain patients.**

Here is what every knee arthritis sufferer should know about the best treatments and options available today. Including when and why you should consider each of these 2 treatment approaches to get maximum results.

If you suffer with knee or other join arthritis pain, you have probably already tried many treatments ... especially countless pain medications. Experienced doctors understand that, even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for knee arthritis pain... they are rarely the answer over the longer term.

In most cases they have minimal results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

Are There Any Better Options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there are two very good options for knee arthritis to help relieve the pain.

Two options that a lot of knee arthritis sufferers have never heard of.

Before we get into the two treatments, please understand this...

NY Pain MD is a well established medical clinic that has treated thousands of knee arthritis sufferers and joint and back pain sufferers. Patients travel from all over the area and even several states away from NYC to be treated at one of their clinics because they want the best medical treatments available. What you are about to discover are two REAL medical treatments. Not miracle cures you see on infomercials or non-medical treatments promoted on the internet.

Know this fact: There is no cure for arthritis. But there are these two treatments that have already helped thousands of knee arthritis sufferers - possibly just like you.

The first treatment is more common than the second. Even if you have heard of this treatment - or even tried it without good results - please read this. You will find out why it may not have worked for you and how you may be able to get much better results.

#1 Viscosupplementation

Viscosupplementation has gained quite a bit of popularity in recent years and it has gotten mixed results for a couple of reasons.

But before we get into that,here's what you need to know about viscosupplementation.

When you have arthritis, you suffer a decrease in the lubrication fluids in your knees.

In other words, your knee joints basically "dries up."

The lubricating fluid that decreases is called "synovial fluid." pharmaceutical companies (with the help of doctors) can now make ***natural*** synovial fluid gel-like compounds that, during viscosupplementation treatments. Doctors can precisely introduce directly into the knee and other joints.

This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even eliminating the pain.

What Results Can Be Expected?

Like all medical treatments, the results vary and can not be predicted. But many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for patients to either postpone knee replacement surgery for years... or even permanently cancel it.

But There Is A BIG Problem

The key is the treatment must be EXTREMELY PRECISE. If the procedure is slightly off, the medication will not get into the knee joint and the treatment will not work.

That's why the experts at ***NY Pain MD*** use Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology so they can actually see the lubricant going directly into the knee joint during the treatment.

Research shows that doctors performing joint injections without this technology can miss the joint as much as 30% of the time.

If you have tried viscosupplementation without this imaging technology without good results - this may be why.

That's why ***NY Pain MD*** takes it even one step further. They do not just use one step process of advanced imaging during treatment - they use two in their "double confirmation" process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

Another Important Factor

Viscosupplementation medications also come in several different "brands" and chemical make-ups. Just like all medications, some people respond better to one than another. So, the experts at ***NY Pain MD*** use several and great effort is taken to figure out what is the best one for YOU.

One last thing: The experts at ***NY Pain MD*** have found that earlier you start Viscosupplementation the better.

This is most likely because the longer you wait - the more joint destruction takes place.

That's why ***NY Pain MD*** is now seeing so many patients as young as 35 to 40.

Summary: If you have knee arthritis pain and have not tried. Viscosupplementation you should look into it as soon as possible.

If you have tried it without good results. you may still be able to get great results with the proper imaging and specific medication.

What Should You Do If Viscosupplementation Fails?

When conservative treatment, including viscosupplementation fails ... most knee arthritis sufferers believe their only option is total knee replacement surgery.

This is not true...and here is why

There is another treatment for serious knee arthritis pain most people (and even doctors) do not know about.

#2: Radiofrequency Treatment

This treatment is technically called, "Radiofrequency Neurotomy." Or RF for short.

RF is a procedure that is based the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

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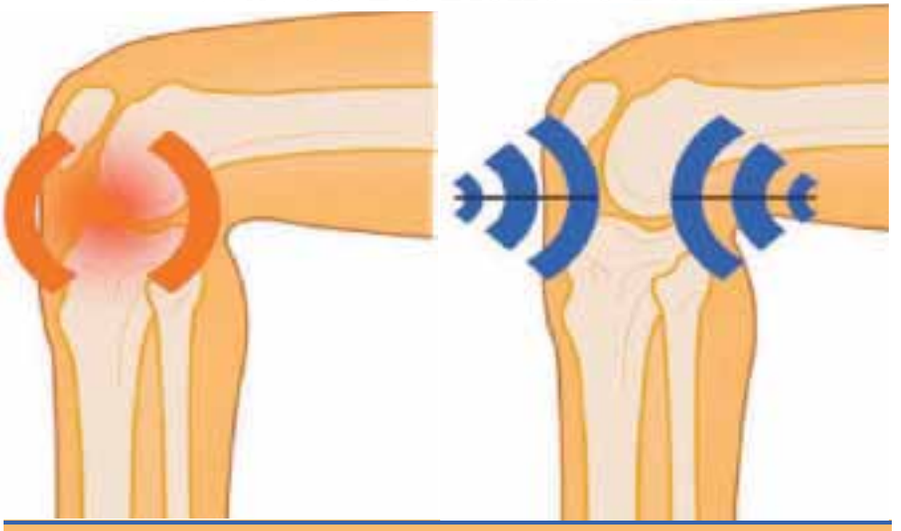

Science rescues knee arthritis sufferers?: **Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many. Many patients still in pain after a knee replacement may respond very well to these treatments allowing the possibility of avoiding additional surgery.**

Several branches of nerves that surround the knee are known as "genicular nerves."

Radiofrequency waves are delivered to the genicular nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerve from transmitting pain signals.

There are two distinct parts to this treatment. First, a test, diagnostic "G Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, then one to two weeks later, Radio Frequency waves are applied for term relief.

Is It Safe?

Research has shown this to provided significant relief for some patients. to procedure to be safe and effective.

One study published November 4, 2010 in the journal Pain found that RF treated subjects on average "achieved at least 50% knee pain relief at 1,4 and 12 weeks, respectively. No patient reported a post procedure adverse event during the follow-up period.

Some studies indiciate some patients may get years of relief in some cases. "RF neurotomy (radio frequency treatment) of genicular nerves leads to significant pain reduction and functional improvement in a subset of elderly chronic knee osteoarthritis pain, and thus may be an effective treatment in such cases."

It should also be mentioned that, like all procedures, results will vary patient to patient

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and viscosupplementation do not offer good enough results.

RF can be utilized before resorting to total knee replacement. RF allows many patients to avoid knee replacement surgery.

RF has also been found effective AFTER knee replacement surgery when the patient still feels pain.

The pain after a failed knee replacement surgery can be debilitating and this procedure can be the only thing that helps and give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof.

This way, the doctors working on your case can give you a proper examination and advise the best possible treatment plan for your individual case.

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Wall Street dips in dramatic session as health bill pulled

It's failure raises questions how other policy goals will succeed.

Markets were down slightly as they reacted to GOP leaders pulling their Obamacare repeal bill off of the House floor. GETTY IMAGES

A dramatic session on Wall Street ended with stocks slightly lower on Friday as they pared losses in late-afternoon trading after Republicans pulled their bill to overhaul the health-care system.

The benchmark S&P 500 shot up briefly into positive territory before falling back into the red as Republicans pulled the legislation due to a shortage of votes just before the markets closed, leaving investors to assess how the health-care bill's failure would affect President Donald Trump's broader economic agenda.

Investors had worried earlier this week that the failure of the bill, which would have dismantled the law known as Obamacare, would prove an ominous sign for Trump's ability to push through his economic agenda, including tax reform.

But some analysts and investors have seen a failure of the bill as a catalyst to bring forward action on tax reform in particular.

"Now that they've taken the health-care issue off the table, I think the market is more optimistic that they can do other things that are more doable that are not so complicated, such as regulatory reform and lowering taxes," said Margaret Patel, senior portfolio manager at Wells Fargo Asset Management in Boston.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 59.86 points, or 0.29 percent, to end at 20,596.72, the S&P 500 lost 1.98 points, or 0.08 percent, to 2,343.98 and the Nasdaq Composite added 11.05 points, or 0.19 percent, to 5,828.74.

The back-and-forth over the bill this week has led to some of the most volatile trading Wall Street has seen since Trump's election in November. For the week, the S&P 500 fell 1.4 percent, its worst weekly decline of the year.

"This is now an indication that the president's agenda is probably going to be more ambitious than Congress can manage," said Peter Kenny, senior market strategist at Global Markets Advisory Group in New York. "It is probably going to mean that equity markets are going to have to factor in a degree of dysfunction that investors were hoping they wouldn't have to."

> *"The economy and earnings were doing better since before the election."*
>
> Paul Zemsky

The S&P 500 has climbed 9.6 percent since Trump's election, notching a series of record highs along the way. But the rally has stalled recently, and Tuesday's 1.2 percent drop set off concerns about the beginning of a larger fall.

"The economy and earnings were doing better since before the election," said Paul Zemsky, chief investment officer for multi-asset strategies and solutions at Voya Investment Management in New York. "If people want to drop the S&P by 300 points because this doesn't pass, I and others will be down there to buy it."

Shares of hospital operators finished sharply higher, with Tenet Healthcare up 7.4 percent. The potential dismantling of Obamacare has pressured hospital stocks over concerns the benefits the companies gained from coverage expansion would diminish.

In corporate news, Micron Technology jumped 7.4 percent after the chipmaker's revenue and profit forecasts beat expectations. The stock was the biggest percentage gainer on the S&P and helped lift the Nasdaq.

GameStop tumbled 13.6 percent after the company's profit projection fell below estimates. REUTERS

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Carrie Fisher, Debbie Reynolds lauded at public memorial service

Mother-daughter actresses Debbie Reynolds and Carrie Fisher, who died in December just a day apart, were remembered by fans and friends on Saturday at a public memorial service in the Hollywood Hills, where they were laid to rest side-by-side in January.

Comedian Dan Aykroyd, who was once engaged to Fisher, and actor Griffin Dunne, her close friend, paid tribute to the actress best known as "Star Wars'" Princess Leia, who later found success through her satirical writing skills in literature, film and on Broadway.

The memorial featured home videos and photo montages set to music, as well as performances by the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles and dancers from the Debbie Reynolds Dance Studio.

Reynolds was remembered by actress Ruta Lee, who urged fans not to mourn, but rather take delight in the "Singin' in the Rain" star's life.

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Hundreds of fans lined up for hours to say a final goodbye, many placing flowers at their grave.

Fisher, 60, died on Dec. 27, four days after suffering a heart attack on a flight from Britain where she had been shooting the third season of a British television comedy.

A day later, Reynolds, who sang and danced her way into the hearts of moviegoers in Hollywood musicals, suffered a stroke and died at the age of 84.

"When we heard about what happened … it honestly felt like a family member that I've loved for decades was gone," said Liza Rios-Profosky, a Fisher fan who had a "Star Wars"-themed wedding.

"Debbie always said she was unsinkable, and that's so true," she added. "They were strong, amazing women, and I'm so happy that [Reynolds'] son did this for us so we can come and pay our respects," she said of Todd Fisher, who arranged the memorial.

"This entire thing I'm calling a show, not a memorial," Fisher said. "Because my mother didn't like memorials or funerals. She liked shows and parties. She also loved her people, and you are all her people — not just her close friends but her extended family, her fans." REUTERS

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White House looks past conservatives on tax reform

Republican lawmakers aren't off the hook.

Fresh off a defeat on U.S. health care legislation, the White House warned rebellious conservative lawmakers that they should get behind President Donald Trump's agenda or he may bypass them on future legislative fights, including tax reform.

The threat by White House chief of staff Reince Priebus to build a broad coalition on tax reform that could include moderate Democrats came as the Republican head of the tax-writing committee in the House of Representatives said he hoped to move a tax bill through his panel this spring.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady said his committee had been working on tax reform in parallel with the failed healthcare reform push.

"We've never stopped working," Brady told Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo." "We will continue to make improvements."

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>
> Reince Priebus

Brady said the committee plans to move on the bill in the spring. He said he wanted the House blueprint to be the basis for Trump's tax reform plan rather than have competing versions from Treasury and the White House.

Both Trump and Priebus have scolded hardline conservatives who rejected legislation backed by the White House to overhaul Obamacare.

Speaking on "Fox News Sunday," Priebus held out the possibility of working with moderate Democrats as well as Republicans to pass other aspects of Trump's agenda, such as his proposed budget, the revamp of the tax code and a renewed effort at healthcare reform.

"If we can come up with a bill that accomplishes the goals of the president with Republicans alone, we'll take it

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White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus GETTY IMAGES

and we'll move forward with it," Priebus said.

But he added: "I think it's more or less a warning shot that we're willing to talk to anyone. We always have been and I think more so now than ever."

In an embarrassment for Trump, who had campaigned for the White House on what he said were his skills as a dealmaker, the healthcare bill was pulled from the floor of the House of Representatives on Friday because it failed to draw enough support from within Trump's own Republican Party.

Objections from members of the conservative House Freedom Caucus and from moderate Republicans left leaders short of the votes needed for passage, with Democrats unified in opposition.

Trump failed to win over the Freedom Caucus lawmakers despite courting them intensively. REUTERS

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Mindy Kaling and Cory Booker's modern romance

You know how you don't know you want something until it's right up in your face, and you're like, "Why didn't I think of that?" Well, let me tell you a story.

Cory Booker — yes, the attractive dude slash New Jersey senator, asked actress and writer Mindy Kaling on a date via Twitter and it's everything.

After Kaling's "Mindy Project" character, Mindy Lahiri, dissed New Jersey on a recent episode, Booker took to Twitter to defend his state. "Ouch! @MindyKaling, heard Dr. Lahiri dissed Newark last night... (I still <3 U!)" Kind of thirsty, no?

Kaling assured Booker that anything Mindy Lahiri doesn't like is cool, and as an avid fan of the show, I can confirm that. She also slipped in that the "<3" was mutual. Mmhmm.

Then, Booker just went all out. I mean, all out. "You are making my day! Thanks for the clarification. And If the <3 is really mutual... Come have dinner with me in Newark? #PleaseSayYes." The thirst is real, y'all. But if this is love in the 21st century, I can get down with it.

Hopefully, Mindy Kaling is taking this seriously. And maybe it will inspire her "Mindy Project" character to date someone other than a white man on her show!

Vanessa Hudgens doesn't have time for Zac Efron

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Vanessa Hudgens and Zac Efron are not on speaking terms. Get it, girl.

According to Us Weekly, Hudgens, 28, told "Access Hollywood" that she's completely done with the "Baywatch" star. When asked whether or not she still speaks to her ex-boyfriend, she gets candid AF. "Oh yeah, no … That's not a thing that happens," she says. "I completely lost contact with him." Damn, Efron, what did you do?

Hudgens and Efron, 29, dated from 2005 to 2010 after meeting on the set of "High School Musical," LOL. The actress has been dating a dude named Austin Butler since 2011.

I'm way more interested in her now that she seems a little shady. Teach me your ways, Hudge.

Cheryl and Liam Payne welcome baby boy

In case you forgot, babies are on trend. All the cool kids are doing it.

Cheryl, formerly Cheryl Vernandez-Fersini, formerly Cheryl Cole, welcomed a baby boy this weekend with partner Liam Payne. You know, the one guy from One Direction. Not Zayn, or the one with the hair or the one who got arrested for assaulting some people at the airport. Or the fourth one nobody cares about — the other one.

The new mom shared the news via Instagram. "Wednesday 22nd March, Liam and I became parents to an incredibly beautiful, healthy baby boy, weighing 7lb 9 and looking like a dream," she wrote. Cute.

The lil babe is the first for both Cheryl, 33, and Liam, 23. I literally can't wait for them to irrevocably ruin this baby's life by giving him a ridiculous name.

John Mayer is the thirstiest man alive

John Mayer is currently thinking about 2010 and how annoying he's been. And because he's coming out with an album, "The Search for Everything," he is being especially reflective and you know what that means: lots of gems completely lacking any sense of self-awareness, courtesy of The New York Times.

Mayer really would like to leave his "bad boy" image behind — his words, not mine — and is ready to settle down with a woman unlucky enough to want to be with him. "I'm a young guy," the 39-year-old says. "I like girls. I want girls to like me. I want to make music and be thought of as attractive." Watch out, ladies! Seriously. Watch out.

"I want the baby with the protective earphones." That's right, he wants to impregnate someone to prove that he's all grown-up. He also talks a lot about fatherhood and cultural appropriation, and it's just as painful as you're thinking, I promise.

So how far have we come from the days where Mayer compared his penis to a white supremacist and used the N-word in the same interview? Not very, it seems.

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Six best space monsters

In the new film "Life," a small blob of alien life grows into a horrifying, ravenous squiddie. It's a cool space creature. Still, it didn't make this list.

Predator, "Predator"

Part Rastafarian, part samurai, part, and we quote, "one ugly motherf—er," this interstellar menace rocks dreadlocks, a cool katana blade and a mouth that, well, looks like a vagina. Over the years he's taken out Jesse Ventura, Morton Downey Jr. and Topher Grace. He's even faced off against the alien from "Alien," twice, though he's clearly the inferior space monster, and not just because he's only really gotten one decent film. Still, do hold out hope for next year's latest "Predator" reboot, coming next year. MATT PRIGGE

The Thing, "The Thing"

In the 1951 original — called "The Thing from Another World" — the "Thing" was a dude who looked like he was genetically fused with a vegetable. John Carpenter is an A-No.-1 fan of Howard Hawks, who produced the classic, and his 1982 remake honors the first by not being terribly faithful. His creature is a shape-shifter that consumes, then poses as its victims, pretending to be them and, when caught, flexing the flesh in creative and gruesome ways. At the time, disgusted critics and audiences thought Carpenter had gone too far. Nowadays we sing a different tune. MP

Freaky beasts with glowing teeth, "Attack the Block"

Possibly the most obscure movie on this list is this 2011 insta-cult classic from England, in which a low-income apartment building is beset by furry freakazoids that look like steroidal, less funny versions of the killer furballs from "Critters." But they could give any space monster a run for its money, after chewing it to little pieces. They don't have a name, but when it's dark you can only see their enormous neon blue-green fangs. Like the film itself, they're not to be trifled with. MP

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The blob, "The Blob"

It's so simple: just a lumbering mass of goo that likes to suck its victims into its blubbery, translucent body, allowing onlookers to see loved ones eaten alive. The low-budget 1958 version, starring pre-mega-fame Steve McQueen as an unusually laconic teen hero, is the better piece of cinema, but the 1988 remake has its R-rated charms (including a poor dishwasher sucked into a sink drain, though we're not sure how that works). Both are equally terrifying in part because, like zombies, they don't move so fast, causing their prey to undermine their powers. MP

The Xenomorph, "Alien"

Still going strong after 38 years, the sleek, fat-headed, drooling creature that debuted in the 1979 original "Alien" isn't impressive for its number of kills, which is relatively low. It's because of that design. Made at a time when most screen aliens were just some dude in a makeshift suit — even in the first "Star Wars" — "Alien" stuck out because the filmmakers hired H.R. Giger, the late Swiss surrealist and the creator of somehow even more disturbing paintings, sculptures and other miscellany. The forthcoming "Alien: Covenant" has a new breed that pops out of one's stomach. (Yikes!) But it won't beat the OG Xenomorph. MP

The bugs, "Starship Troopers"

We tend to be "quality over quantity" people, because, well, we're snobs. And we'll admit the supersized so-called bugs of Paul Verhoeven's bloody and subtly satirical 1997 soldiers-in-space epic are maybe not the greatest monsters if you only saw one of them. But if you see, let's say, hundreds of them, marauding over their arid and rocky planet, descending upon humans armed merely with big guns, they're jaw-dropping. And they have variety: Some of them are huge fire-breathers, and their leader is a gross, sluggy brain thing. It's really a case of very strong quality plus even higher quantity, which we'd argue, put together, gives them an edge over the iconic, deadly and generally brilliant Xenomorph of "Alien." MP

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6 Things we know about 'Game of Thrones' Season 7

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HBO has recently announced the release date for the new "Game of Thrones" episodes: July 16. Metro rounds up what we know so far about the penultimate season of the award-winning series inspired by George R.R. Martin's books.

GETTY IMAGES

New faces

There will be nine new characters, including a general, a father, a warrior, two guards and a merchant. So far only Jim Broadbent, who will star as Master of the City of Oldtown, and singer Ed Sheeran have been confirmed.

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Four visions

This season, which will consist of only seven episodes, will have four directors: Alan Taylor, Jeremy Podeswa, Mark Mylod and Matt Shakman. This is the first "GoT" episode Shakman has directed.

EMMYS

No Emmys

After winning 12 Emmys in 2016, "Game of Thrones" will not be able to compete in 2017 because the organization asks applicants to release more than half of their episodes before May 31.

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Plot

One of the showrunners, D.B. Weiss, says that this season will try to "figure out who Cersei really is and what she thinks." On that note, one of the screenwriters adds that the female characters will have "a central role" in the upcoming season.

Characters come back

Joe Dempsie will return with his character, Gendry. Apparently, he still intends to get the Iron Throne. David Bradley, according to information provided by his agents, will also be featured with his character, Walder Frey.

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Ice and flames

A live video unveiled March 9, which shows a block of ice being melted by flames, announced the premiere date for Season 7. It was a metaphor for the inevitable collision between the living and the white walkers.

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Between our overflowing inboxes, buzzing phones and our natural inability to stay focused for extended periods of time, work can often feel like a constant state of chaos.

But there are proven ways to tune out the noise, alter your habits and ultimately, regain control of your productivity, says Hans W. Hagemann, Ph.D., co-author of "The Leading Brain: Powerful Science-Based Strategies for Achieving Peak Performance."

Hagemann shares tips to help you bypass the distractions, establish a strong workflow, and shift into high gear at the office.

Establish concentration time

"No one questions the fact that you are unavailable when you're already in an important meeting, but there's often an unspoken assumption that when you aren't in a meeting, you're free," says Hagemann. "And yet, when you need to focus, you are in an important meeting — with yourself."

To increase productivity, he suggests carving out a chunk of the day where your door is closed, your phone is shut off, and everyone who works with you knows that you're unavailable. He calls it "concentration time," and says it's the best way to make sure that the overwhelming flow of distractions — telephones, emails, texts, and colleagues — are completely eliminated.

Avoid multitasking

"Although mistakenly perceived as a boon to productivity, 'multitasking' is actually the sworn enemy of focus," says Hagemann. While multitaskers are typically viewed as overachievers, who are doing five things at once, "it's too tempting to believe that those are supernatural abilities, without measuring the real effects," Hagemann says, noting that multitasking actually leads to an increased number of mistakes, a decrease in the overall quality of work, and a harder time getting back on track after the interruption.

Work in manageable chunks of time

If you struggle with working on a single task to the point of completion — and let's face it, we all do —Hagemann suggests trying the "20-minute rule." The goal is to devote 20 minutes exclusively to one task before shifting to another. "The satisfaction of completing each time block should give you a dose of dopamine, and so will the prospect of facing the next 'new' task," Hagemann explains.

Schedule in "tech breaks"

For those who simply can't resist the siren song of their electronic devices, Hagemann mentions the possibility of interweaving "tech breaks" into your day, a concept from psychology professor Larry Rosen of California State University. The idea is to stop working every 15 minutes or so, spend 2 minutes texting, surfing the web or posting, and then return to 15 more minutes of undistracted work. Overall, he explains, this technique allows for "social downtime" which can make it easier to focus.

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Who says sports fans in the Midwest are soft?

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The official Twitter account of the LPD wrote: "Well, at least we have a lot of experience dealing with fans after an #Elite8 loss. Get home safely Jayhawk fans. #DriveSober."

The LPD isn't wrong. Head coach Bill Self has been at the head of the Jayhawks bench since 2003 and his teams have lost in the Elite 8 round a remarkable five times. Going back further in his coaching career, Self has lost in that particular round seven times.

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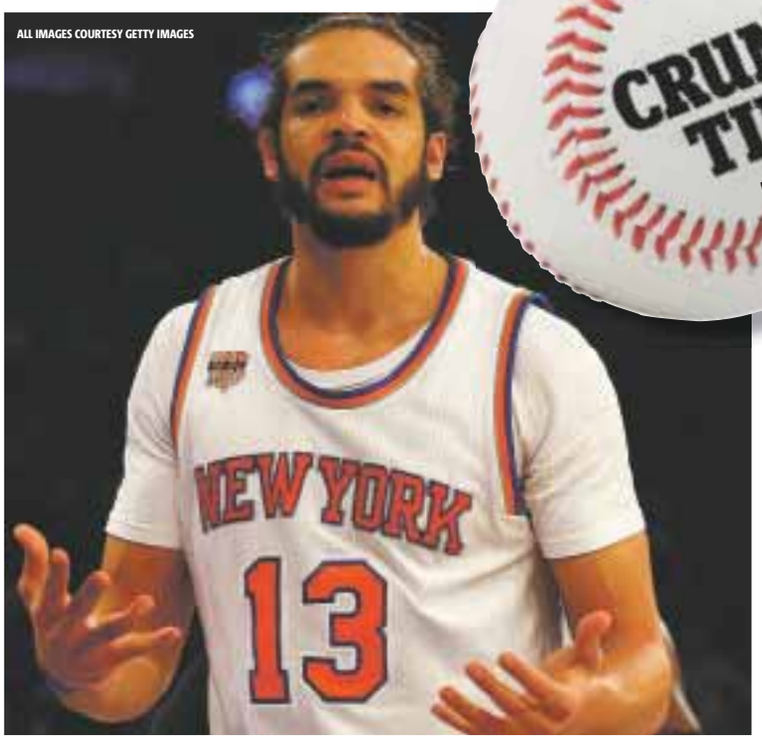

NOAH SUSPENDED

Stunningly, the pathetic Knicks hadn't had a player suspended for drugs in the 2016-17 season until just a few days ago. Joakim Noah was docked 20 games for "violating the NBA's anti-drug policy."

As with all "violating anti-drug policy" deals in sports (the leagues keep it as vague as humanly possible) – we are forced to speculate.

No way Noah was taking HGH or straight-up steroids, as he would certainly want a refund in that scenario. And despite the temptation of thinking Noah and admitted pot head Phil Jackson were doing bong hits in a suite at MSG, laughing at the Charles Oakley stuff as it unfolded – 20 games is a whole heck of a lot for puffing a little cheeba.

STAR POWER

Conor McGregor is trying to make his money outside of the UFC Octagon. Brock Lesnar is fake fighting in WWE. Ronda Rousey looks like she's becoming a full-time actress.

In other words, the UFC is in need of some star-power.

They may not have to look too far as noted ring girl Arianny Celeste blew up the Internet this past weekend by appearing topless at a nude beach in Mexico.

Celeste is quite the entrepreneur as she is currently peddling official Arianny Celeste beer pong tables on her website for a cool $299.99, available in "Jungle" and "Winter White."

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Roger Goodell officially made Tom Brady into the greatest anti-hero this world has seen since Tyler Durden when it was learned that the No. 12 Brady jersey was the No. 1 selling NFL jersey in all 50 states in the month of February. It's the first time ever one player has led jersey sales in all 50 states in a one month span, according to "Only in Boston."

All rebelling teenagers are surely down with the alleged cheater who does nothing but win, and it's gotta be a slap in the face for the non-New England dads of these kids to see their son or daughter waltzing around in a Brady jersey.

BOMANI VS. BOSTON

Bomani Jones is on that ESPN show with Dan Le Batard and his dad called "Highly Questionable," a show which has highly questionable TV ratings even given its dreaded 4:30 p.m. weekday slot.

Jones has been making his social media bones recently by labeling Boston a racist city on Twitter, something he has zero personal proof of and something he bases upon stories from nearly 50 years ago.

So, let's play Bomani's game and paint with an absurdly broad brush and just say Boston is indeed a "racist city."

Just wondering - at what point does an entire city stop being racist? Is there a certain time period with zero racially-charged incidents that has to lapse?

Also, should New York be labeled a racist city because of what happened to Eric Garner three years ago? Should LA be labeled a racist city because of what took place in 1992? Should Philly be labeled a racist city because they cheered Michael Irvin's career-ending injury?

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Aries Don't miss out on an opportunity that can change your life. Size up the situation and make your decision intelligently, without listening to someone's persuasive tactics.

Taurus Get out and get active. Learn as you go and strive for perfection and tolerance. Check out what others do, but don't be a follower.

Gemini Lead the fight for justice. Question someone's inconsistency and motives. Initiate discussions and bring about positive change. Take control and do your part.

Cancer Temptation will be your downfall. Moderation on all levels will be necessary to avoid controversy and damage to your reputation, status and emotional health.

Leo Size things up and take control. You are in a position to do some good, so don't back down. Establish your position and make decisions that promote change.

Virgo You should take action only when you are sure you are doing the right thing. Act on principle, facts and common sense. Your astute insight will help you excel.

Libra Don't let anyone spoil your day or ruin your plans. You cannot please everyone, but you can be responsible for your own happiness. Offer peace and love.

Scorpio Make changes that will encourage unity, strength and a clear passage to a brighter future. How you relate to those around you will improve your status.

Sagittarius Don't be fooled by someone using persuasive emotional tactics. Ask questions and look for alternatives that are more beneficial to your current situation.

Capricorn Look for clarity before you make an assumption. Being a cautious observer is in your best interest. Avoid unnecessary stress and pressure.

Aquarius Use your resources and search for opportunities that will benefit you. Someone you have worked with in the past will offer pertinent information.

Pisces Don't share private information that might put you in an awkward position. Live up to your promises, but protect yourself against being taken for granted. EUGENIA LAST

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